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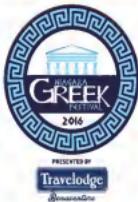
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SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

At 18.3 metres tall, and almost as wide, the world's largest rubber duck was spotted on the weekend in the Buffalo River. Known as Mama Duck, the inflatable duck was one of the main attractions at the weekend's three-day Buffalo Maritime Festival at Canalside in Buffalo, NY. Mama Duck travels the world in order to inspire people to enjoy the world's waterfronts and to conserve natural resources. To follow her journey visit www.thebigduck.us.



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Growing a love for beets

Beets are one of those wonder veggies that will change your life.

One of those life-changing attributes is the fact they contain boron, which is directly related to the production of human sex hormones. Therefore, nature's Viagra. So for dinner this week come to the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers Market on Tuesday, pick up some Beetlejuice relish at Elsie's and a few of those beets that come in a few different colours like yellow, candy cane striped, and all colours of crimson red.

Make some borscht soup with fresh dill or just boil them up. Then put some relish on a burger or roast beef and dine with Barry White on the turntable. Just see what I mean.

Just to make things even better, beets contain betaine, the substance used to treat depression and tryptophan the substance in chocolate.

Why eat anything else, I ask you that?

Even the cooked tops are excellent. Better than spinach, in my opinion. Boil them and eat with butter salt and pepper. I like them better than the beetroot itself!

Here's a weird fact about beets that you might not know, they make some of us pe pink.

No, you don't have to freak out that you have some tropical disease, you



At the Market

just have a low level of stomach acid. High stomach acid will obliterate the colour. Nutritionists will use beets to test stomach acid this way.

Other health benefits of the common beet are heart related. They contain carotenoids and flavonoids that stop bad LDL cholesterol in

its tracks. They're also high in iron, which is excellent for those with anemia and vegetation/vegans to add to their diets.

Beet's high colour pigment has been used to dye everything from skin to fabric to hair. Cheap and natural.

Beets are a root veggie that can grow anywhere and take about 60 days from seed to harvest, so you can plant them a few times through the growing season, plus they can handle a bit of cool weather.

Chrystal Haeverstock is the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers Market coordinator.



Fresh, local beets are available at the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers Market.

How to boil beets

- Choose beets all the same size. Cut the tops off but don't cut into the beet at all, leave a bit if the leaf stalks on top. Don't cut off the root. This will make the beet "bleed" and loss all the nutrition into the water.

- Rinse off any excess soil. Place in a pot big enough to cover them with water and a

bit of room to spare.

- Add a teaspoon of salt. Bring to a boil, and reduce heat to a slow rolling boil and cover.

- Small beets will take about 1/2 an hour. Large beets will take a hour.

- Drain, put on rubber gloves and cut off the tops and root with a paring knife while they're hot.

- Put a slice through the skin of the beet and roll the skin off with your glove. It makes a bit of a mess, but it's totally worth it.

- Serve right away whole, sliced or in chunks.

- Any leftover beets will keep in the fridge for a week or so. You can even make pickled beets with the leftovers.

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FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library offers vast collection of the community's history on file

In 2012, a new assignment came to me as an information services assistant at the Fort Erie Public Library: uploading photographs from our Louis McDermott Collection to the local history page of the library's website, www.feppl.ca.

The task would consist of scanning photos, editing them, gathering available information and then uploading them.

I knew this would be a big job, but I had no doubt that it would be an important one. The job soon grew to include more than the McDermott Collection photos. The library had a wealth of old Fort Erie Times photos waiting to see the light of day.

Four years and more than four thousand uploads later, the library's local history offerings have expanded in very interesting directions. In 1985, area students were tasked with interviewing local seniors regarding the Fort Erie of their youth.

My grandfather, Bill Lewis, was interviewed and I find many of his comments funny. There were over 100 interviews, and topics included transportation, schools, churches and Erie Beach. Online access to oral history is a work in progress, but the transcripts are available at the Centennial branch for in-house use and enjoyment.

History is about interpretation. Studying history at Brock, I came to understand that this subject is about

much more than memorizing names, dates and events. Compilations like the McDermott Collection are great because they are the point at which interpretation begins.

Professors emphasized the value of the primary resource because the information comes right from the source and is not slanted by bias. Moreover, students learn to interpret history on their own. And that's what our resources—the McDermott Collection in particular—are meant to do.

They are meant to offer pure information about the past for others to interpret, to reach their own conclusions. Menus from historic restaurants or business cards from the families of notable Fort Erie residents might seem like interesting artifacts, but they are part of the base of primary sources that help in our understanding of the Fort Erie of the past.

Some of the material is just about fun and laughs, though. I've found my share of that in the McDermott Collection over the last few years.

For instance, I found a picture of my grandfather and his Horton Steel buddies all dressed in drag in the 1950s, no doubt a workplace gag that he would have expected to have unanswered by his grandson some 60 years later. Louis McDermott's carefully-preserved Centennial year heard was once part

of the collection as well. (The heard has since been relocated to a more suitable home).

I've worked on 40-year-old photos as the very person in the photo passes the desk where I am sitting. Of course, I bring the photo to their attention. Sometimes they recognize themselves and sometimes they don't. In some cases, the person remembers the event in vivid detail.

I mention these things because they are what you can find in our local history section and on the local history page of the library's website. Patrons often notice the local history materials I have with me at the circulation desk to express an interest. Once in a while I'm asked if the task is 'tedious.' It isn't. Local history is a long term project that offers valuable information to the public with a healthy dose of intrigue for the researcher.

Stop by and check out our offerings or visit our local history page. It's a great way to create your own take on our town's history. Also, you never know what amusing item you might find in our collection.

Please note that all branches of the library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 for the Labour Day holiday.

Derek Clendening is an information services assistant at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Do you remember?



Our thanks to Shelley (Brice) Bland for phoning in about last week's photo and identifying herself as the girl on the left. Shelley was a Grade 5/6 student at Rose Seaton School when this photo was taken. As well, a big thanks to Darlene Burridge who called in regarding the Aug. 11 photo of the two children eating ice cream. They were Brian Campbell on the left and Madeline Nicks on the right. These two coulds would have been about 5 years old when the photo was taken. Do you remember this photo or one of these students? Call hand-on Jarvis Street in 1972. Like the commercial says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." Do you know either of the children or the woman with a paper heart and the name "Dawn" written on it in this week's photo which was taken in 1931? If so, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or send us an e-mail museum@forterie.ca.

Marcy Woods ripe with red berries known as little 'jacks'

As soon as we entered Marcy Woods, we saw them.

Shining red berries resting close to the ground beneath the tree covered sand dunes. The clusters of shiny red berries were numerous. The fruit of the Jack-in-the-Pulpit was on vivid display.

What do you know about the plant? Have you been to Algonquin Park and read the article *Sex in the Pulpit?* I did years ago but not until I met Dr. Wayne Gall's slides at the Nature Club at Stevensville Conservation Centre and heard what he had to say about our "Jack" was I really informed?

Keep your eyes open for the red berries this fall for next spring there should be little "Jacks." Most of us have grown up with this undeniably interesting forest plant. It's a perennial that grows in rich hardwoods such as Marcy Woods. It consists of one or two three big parted leaves plus the flower (or pulpit) on a separate stalk. Take a close look at the pulpit. Dr. Gall told us that it is a gracefully modified leaf.

His slides showed ranges in colour from solid green to green with white or purpleish brown stripes.

The pulpits grow and shelter a fleshy spike whose base is covered with dozens of tiny flowers.

The Gall slides showed all male (they produce pollen only) or all female



(they produce only ovules or potential seeds.) So what's unusual? The special thing in this case unlike other plants is that individual Jack-in-the-pulpits change sex from one year to the next.

The next year's female plant may well pollinate the male or vice-versa. Believe it? Wayne Gall of the Buffalo Museum of Science told us why.

Curious? Do a little research if you don't believe us...

Where were they? Where were the countless Orb spider webs at Marcy Woods? Now don't let me lead you astray. There are those spiders and their intricate webs on the Upper Trail at Marcy's but no where is there the density of past in years. In walking the trail in past years you carried your hiking stick or a branch held high as you navigated the myriad of webs.

Years ago I asked my Junior Naturalists on an outing at Marcy Woods the question about one giant web across the trail. How did the spider make this web?

They don't fly or glide. How was it accomplished? All spiders have silk glands,



Red berries.

although not all use silk in spinning webs. When drawn and stretched from the Orb spiders spinnerets, located at the rear of the abdomen the liquid silk solidifies into tiny strands that are both strong and elastic. So our Orb spider releases silk threads and the wind carries them across the path until the sticky thread(s) become attached to branches on the other side.

Next the spider travels the strand and back and forth reinforcing the important connection. Soon other guide lines are released from the spinnerets and after strengthening the strands the wonderful shape of a web is taken.

Son of a spider has created a trap for flying insects. No spiders don't fly. Their silk threads float. Nature is always interesting.

Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, local historian and nature lover.

Help for horses



FORT ERIE RACE TRACK/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Seven show horses called the Fort Erie Race Track home for a few hours on Sunday after the truck they were being transported in broke down. The horses, owned by Leslie Burr-Howard, a gold medal Olympian from the U.S., were being transported from the Angel Stone in Rockwood to the Hamilton for the Horsemen's Relations Horse Show. The horse jumping competition and one of the largest outdoor horse shows in the U.S. The driver's truck broke down on the Queen Elizabeth Highway just before the Peace Bridge. He saw the Fort Erie Race Track sign on the highway, and called staff at the track for assistance. Given Sunday's heat, it was a dangerous situation for horses and track staff were happy to help. Harry Eder, coordinator of Horseman's Relations, and trainer Bancroft DeSouza went to pick up the horses, and drove them back to the stables, where they stayed for the afternoon, until about 4 p.m.

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Parkway, early
last Thursday.



Parkway fire ruled arson

ALISON LANGLEY
Postmedia Network

ger of the growing blaze.

Several border patrol agents went ashore and evacuated a family of four, including two children, from a house adjacent to the blaze.

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Two U.S. Customs and Border Protection marine units on the Niagara River first spotted the fire on the Canadian shoreline shortly after 1 a.m.

The agents did not see any fire or rescue vehicles at the scene, so they maneuvered the boats close to the shore and used sirens and lights to alert residents to the dan-

under construction at the time of the incident.

Approximately 28 fire-fighters from Niagara Falls and Fort Erie battled the blaze.

No injuries were reported.

The Office of the Fire Marshal on Saturday ruled the incident to be arson.

Niagara Regional Police are asking anyone who may have been in the area or have any information on the fire to call 905-684-4111 ext. 2200.

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Sock hop to benefit Fort Erie SPCA

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

improvements to the Fort Erie SPCA.

The event will include a light buffet, a raffle, 50/50 draws, and door prizes.

"We'll also have a mix of rock'n'roll from 1957 to 1963 playing, which was heard during the sock hop era," Bredin said.

Although it's not required, guests are encouraged to dress up in their best 1950s-style attire. Prizes will be awarded for best males and female attire.

"It wouldn't take much either. Guys can grease up their hair, pull on their white T-shirts and jeans and jeans they go," Bredin said.

Bredin, the newest member of the Fort Erie SPCA Board of Directors, said she hopes the dance will become an annual event to benefit the animal shelter.

"Everyone who works at the SPCA works so hard. The minute I got involved I could see the love and dedication they have. From the management, to the volunteers, everyone puts their heart and

WHAT: The Fabulous '50s Rock'n'Roll Sock Hop.
WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 17

WHERE: The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71, at 130 Garrison Rd.

WHY: Proceeds from the dance will benefit the Fort Erie SPCA.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the Fort Erie SPCA.

about what they do."

Bredin is no stranger to organizing a 1950s sock hop. She has put together a few fundraising events while living in Toronto.

"I did quite a few of these events in Toronto and they were always successful. I moved to Fort Erie last year when I retired and I never wanted to do something to help the community," Bredin said.

"I think what we raise from the event will be well deserved funds for the

SPCA," Bredin said.



Submitted photo/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Barb Bredin is organizing a 1950s-style sock hop to benefit the Fort Erie SPCA. The Fort Erie resident has organized a number of similar events while living in Toronto, which she said were always successful. Pictured from left, is Jane Murray, Carey Murray, Larry Bredin and Barb Bredin at a recent sock hop event.

at the SPCA, at 410 Jarvis St. The cost is \$20 per person.

The doors will open at 7 p.m., and dancing begins at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is \$20 per person and tickets are expected to sell out quickly.

Tickets can be purchased

at the SPCA, at 410 Jarvis St. The cost is \$20 per person.

The dance will kick off what the Town of Fort Erie has declared as Animal Week, from Sept. 17 to 25.

"It'll be a lot of fun," Bredin said. "The week will end with

the SPCA's annual Dog Walk-A-Thon at Waverly Beach."

For more information about the event call Bredin at 905-382-6951 or the SPCA at 905-871-2461.

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Dr. John Inigo

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Performers invited to community open mic night

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Budding artists will have the chance to gain experience performing on stage.

Singer and songwriter Randell Hill, known by his fans as Rufus Crabbaugh, will host a weekly open mic night and jam at Good Medicine Ministry Centre, formerly known as First Nations Church of Christ, at 248 Dominion Rd., every Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., beginning this weekend.

"We are hosting an open mic every Saturday until the colder weather sets in," Hill said.

He hopes that the event will become a long-standing tradition in Fort Erie.

"Providing a platform to the performing arts newcomer is a vital part of perfecting and honing your art. The music indus-

try outside of commercialism is saturated and gives all the more reason for a new artist to be unique and polished," he said.

Hill began playing music when he was 11 years old, and he was playing a variety of venues in Western New York by the time he was a teenager. In 2002, Hill was nominated for an Aboriginal Music Award for gospel music.

He also appeared several times on Spirit Alive, a ministry presented by Ross Maracle through Crossroads of Burlington and host of 100 Huntley Street.

Hill wanted to follow in his father's footsteps, which is one of the reasons for hosting the open mic night.

"My father, Donald F. Hill, who everyone called Frank, passed away some time ago, and it was his desire that I help

keep the Native outreach going," he said.

Hill said his father's former church was originally closed due to a declining congregation.

The church is currently undergoing renovations, and Hill has a plan "to revitalize the Fort Erie facility."

Hill said he views the open mic night "as an opportunity to foster, cultivate and incubate local talent who are trying out their wings."

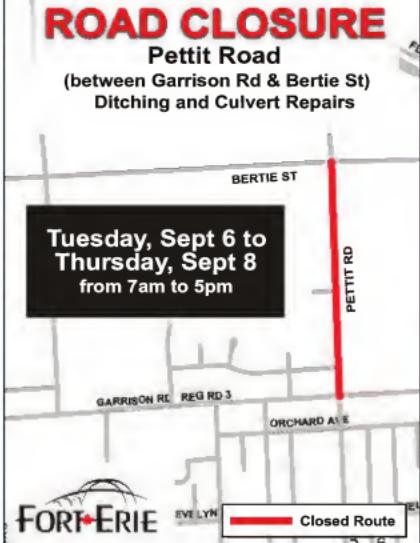
The venue may be an old church, however, the music that's played will be diverse, and that's necessary all gospel.

"It will be an open family-friendly atmosphere, and we hope to get help transforming the traditional look of the church to a music venue magnet," Hill said.

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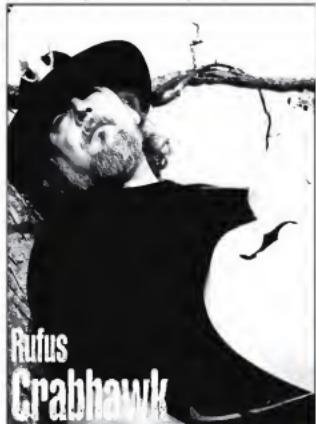
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Singer and songwriter Randall Hill, better known to music fans as Rufus Crabhawk, will host a weekly open mic night and jam at Good Medicine Ministry on Dominion Road beginning this Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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"We are looking forward to having artists present a wide range of music from covers, and originals in bluegrass, country, country-rock, roots, and folk in this small and intimate venue."

Members of the community are invited to bring coffee and treats with them to enjoy while they attend a show.

Performers are required

to add their name to a sign-up sheet, and contribute a minimum of three songs per acoustic set.

Admission to the shows are free but food and monetary donations for the local food bank are appreciated.

For more information e-mail HILL at frogpond-pr4455@aol.com.

Saferguson@postmedia.com

WHO: Randall Hill

WHAT: The singer and songwriter will host a Community Open Mic and Jam.

WHEN: Beginning Saturday, Sept. 3 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. until further notice.

WHERE: Good Medicine Ministry Centre, at 248 Dominion Rd.

WHERE: To give local artists an opportunity to perform.

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PenFinancial Credit Union hosted their annual scholarship breakfast event to celebrate the winners of the 2016 Sprout Video Scholarship Contest. The contest, which begins accepting submissions in the Spring, asks Niagara students to share what they want to be when they grow up and why. This year, the contest received 14 video submissions which were then narrowed down to a 'top 5' by a judging panel comprised of community leaders. The top 5 videos were then put to an online, public vote to determine the winner. Kuda Charamba was declared this year's scholarship winner after receiving the most votes and will receive \$2,000 to go towards his post-secondary pursuits. Kuda will be attending Niagara College in the Fall to attend the Broadcasting, Radio, Television and Film program with aspirations of becoming a radio host.

The remaining finalists also received scholarship funding ranging from \$200-\$800. To view all of their amazing videos, visit www.sprwt.ca.



PenFinancial Scholarship Winner, Kuda Charamba, with his proud father, Fred.



2016 PenFinancial Scholarship Winners
Allie Moore and Kuda Charamba.
Allie is a graduate of Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School and will be attending Brock University to pursue a Humanities degree. Kuda is a graduate of Westlane Secondary School and will be attending Niagara College to pursue his diploma in Broadcasting: Radio, Television and Film.



Pauline Carroll - BEC Niagara, Scholarship Judge

Raiven de Souza - Brock University Student, 2015 Scholarship Winner

Allie Moore - 2016 Scholarship Finalist

Bob Watson - PenFinancial Credit Union

Kuda Charamba - 2016 Scholarship Winner

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PenFinancial Scholarship Winners take a picture with the judging panel.



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Life is not waiting for the storms to pass...it is learning to dance in the rain!

I am not sure who said this but it is most well used quote. I certainly had you beat at the beach garden when the good rains came, you would have seen me dancing.

Now that the season is greener and the late summer recovery is underway, it is time to talk about splitting the perennials, also known as propagating. The ground is warm, the air continues to be warm and moist so these are ideal conditions for renewing the older plants and bringing into being some new and fresh plants.

In the perennial family most plants like a trim and even a division to generate new growth. The simplest way to do this is to dig out the whole plant and I find laying it on newspaper is wise.

Shake off some of the dirt as you dig it out, being careful not to cut roots. Lay the plant on the newspaper and use a small sharp knife to slice through the roots.

I repeat a portion of this, but if the plant is large, as many dividers as it will take to bring the size to a handful. Then take the smaller divided plants and place them in a bucket of warmer water so they don't have too much shock.

I like to trim off the dead leaves so the plant is in a refreshed state. I usually have ideas on placement of new plantings and have dug out spots for them.

If not, I leave them to soak a bit over night and have the spots ready for the next day. I like to water in the new spots so the cultivated plants can go from water to fresh water and dirt. All this to make a welcoming space and growing place for the new plantings.

Be aware that when a plant is trimmed you are messaging that it can begin to grow again. In the case of roses, if you trim the you want the rose to put down strong roots and not focus on blooms, however tempting those late blooms are.

So when you trim the roses be aware that they may want to bloom again. Keep fresh soil mound around the crown (the base) of the rose bush and if you can keep the growth lush in leaves and in the case of tea roses, keep them trimmed into a smaller state. My great uncle would place glass jars over his trimmed back roses to keep them clean for the winter. The damage to rose bushes comes in the freezing of the canes so the smaller and closer to the plant and the mounding of dirt at the base, the less likely the winter will kill the bush. We try in our climate to protect as much as possible against winter cold.

This is also the time to bring in for drying those abundant herbs of the summer sunshine. And in my case I am attempting to keep a little herb garden in the ground but using



RUTH
VOLD
MARKLE
The Gardener's Journal

an area well sheltered in winter and exposed to late morning and afternoon sunshine. A little cloche cover should help on the coldest evenings.

I'll let you know how successful we are in this endeavor. And this is the time if you have a little cold frame area to think about planting winter greens such as spinach and Swiss chard. This helps to supplement the needed greens in winter when less are available.

Just a reminder, dress up your salad with the blooms of carnations and nasturtium and pansy flowers. Not only are these flowers good for you, but they please the eye when the cooler weather comes.

Not that we expect cool weather soon, but this recipe reminds us of the change in routine that happens in September each year. I hope you enjoy this one (See box).

Scatter the cashews and sesame seeds over the greens and serve with hot biscuits or brown rice. I sometimes add dried cranberries to give a little unexpected zing.

We begin this week to be back in the greenhouse for our final year. We have plenty of annuals to winter over and high hopes for a good season minus our mice friends. I planted mint around the greenhouse this year with the thought that mint would be pleasant in most seasons and be a

Autumn Harvest Salad

- 1 cup shredded carrot
- 1/2 cup shredded turnip
- 1/2 cup shredded beet
- 1 apple diced
- 2 green onions thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 2 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh sage
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped cashews
- 3 tbsp sesame seeds

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Harvest Dressing:

- 1 clove garlic finely chopped
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tbsp finely chopped basil

In a jar with a lid or small bowl combine garlic, oil, soy sauce, lemon juice and basil. Whisk ingredients and add salt if desired.

In a large salad bowl combine carrot, turnip, beet, apple, green onions, thyme and sage. Toss well to combine then drizzle Harvest Dressing over and toss well. Scatter the cashews and sesame seeds over the greens and serve with hot biscuits or brown rice. I sometimes add dried cranberries to give a little unexpected zing.

and as September comes along the daylight begins to fade by and the months end we have just 12 hours to fully enjoy. So as the older folk used to say... "work while the sun is shining."

See you on the beach, on the trails around our lovely community and especially in the garden!

Keep growing,
Ruth Vold Markle is the vice president of the Fort Erie Horticultural Society.

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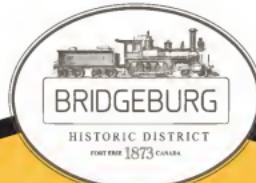


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SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Six-year-old Shailyn Seeley holds her newly chopped locks. Sheeley decided to cut off more than 10 inches of her hair and donate it so that it could be made into a wig and given to a person that lost his or her own hair because of cancer. The youngster got her hair cut Saturday at Bridgeburg Spa. Hairstylist Joelle Beaulieu stands behind Seeley in this photo.



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Speaker: Michael Peace

Michael Peace is the Pastor/Executive Director of Belief Ecclesia Law (non-denominational children's outreach ministry) in Rochester, New York. Michael, a native of New York City, has ministered in 44 of the 50 states, as well as Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Costa Rica, Mexico and Canada bringing the Gospel to young people. Known as the "Gospelfather of Christian Hip Hop", Michael is committed to enriching the lives of youth everywhere and wherever they are. Michael and his wife, Brianne, have been married for 29 years, and both are ordained ministers under Christian International Apostolic Network, Bishop Bill Harmon. They have a son, Robert, 10, 26, who resides in Orlando, Florida.

Worship Leaders: Brian & Christa Yakk

Christa and Brian have very different stories, but a common denominative resources. As a child, Christa grew up in a home where her mom, while a drug and alcohol addictions led Brian's dad to abandon his family. Although he never knew his biological father, Brian's dad was the one that raised him in a loving home. Despite the effects Christa and Brian knew in their families, a sense of emptiness lingered in each of their hearts. "We have been longing for a better life and the God of Glory deeply desired to bring them home. Father, Christ Yakk. Your love must provide healing for those who have been abandoned or have lost their earthly fathers, as well as draw people to the Father's heart for the first time." - Brian & Christa Yakk. In their words, "We are not perfect, Brian and Christ Yakk have no one - no one to dwell in the shadows of their past. They are faithless no more, and it's the reason they

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Police Briefs

A female was taken to hospital and treated for serious injuries after a large tree branch fell on her last Thursday.

The Fort Erie Fire Department, Niagara Regional Police and Niagara Emergency Medical Services were called to Buffalo Road in Fort Erie at 11 a.m. where the incident happened.

Fire Chief Larry Coplen said the injured woman worked for a contractor hired by the Town of Fort Erie to remove ash trees infected by

the Emerald Ash Borer. The woman suffered dramatic injuries to her leg and torso. She was transported to the hospital in Niagara Falls.

Coplen said the incident is under investigation by the Ministry of Labour.

Men stopped at border with hand grenades

Two grenades and a semi-automatic rocket launcher were seized at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie in

Woman injured by fallen tree branch

July, Canada Border Services Agency officers made the discovery on July 3. The agency released information on the incident on Friday.

CBSA said the items were found in a vehicle of two Louisiana residents. The men did not have any documentation regarding the items and claimed the launcher was deactivated and the grenades appeared to be inert.

The Niagara Police Service emergency task unit

attended and the Provincial Police Weapons Enforcement Unit was contacted. Police confiscated the devices and the two men paid a \$1,500 penalty to release the items and were then allowed to enter Canada.

"Illegal firearms and weapons are high-risk commodities and their interdiction is a CBSA enforcement priority," said Rick Comerford, CBSA spokesman.

"I am proud of how diligently our officers work to fulfil the

important role they play in keeping our borders safe."

Cocaine seized at border

More than 22 kilograms of cocaine has been discovered hidden inside a trailer discovered on the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie.

Canada Border Services Agency officers on Aug. 12 referred a commercial truck and trailer driven by a Mississauga man to secondary inspection for examination.

Five packages of cocaine were found hidden inside the

trailer's refrigeration unit.

The 50-year-old driver was arrested by the RCMP. "This intercept demonstrates that CBSA officers are committed to stopping illegal activity at our borders and to protecting the safety of our communities," said Rick Comerford, CBSA spokesman.

Since January 2015, more than 192 kilograms of cocaine has been seized at CBSA ports of entry in its Southern Ontario Region, which includes Niagara border crossings.

Briefs

Volunteers are needed for the PGA Mackenzie Tour Niagara Championship, planned for Sept. 8 to 11 at Chelten Hill Golf Club.

There is a variety of volunteer positions including walking scorers, caddies, marshals, spotters, water distributors and general maintenance.

Students are encouraged to sign up to receive community service hours for graduation.

For more information, call Linda Burroughsford at 289-241-4449 or e-mail burroughsford@icloud.com.

Puss N Boots Cup set for Labour Day weekend

Racing fans won't want to miss all the excitement and

fun at the Fort Erie Race Track on Labour Day weekend.

Each year, staff at the track hold the Puss N Boots Cup, which is planned for Sunday, Sept. 4.

About 55 years ago, a horse named Puss N Boots was leading a race at the top of the stretch, but he decided to jump the rail and go for a swim in the infield pond, losing his rider in the process. The annual event is meant to honour that horse, and the winning connections often take the plungs into the infield pond.

The same day will also mark the fifth annual Circle the Course Fundraiser for Cancer and COPE, where fans walk the one-mile track after the

Volunteers needed for PGA event

rares to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society, and food donations for the food bank at Community Outreach Programs. The event will also raise more than \$2,000 for cancer research, and will have four large horse trailers with food for COPE.

Admission to participate in the Circle the Course Fundraiser for Cancer and COPE is a monetary, or non-perishable food donation, which can be delivered to the racetrack beginning at 11 a.m. on the day of the event.

Participants will receive a Fort Erie Race Track wristband for donating food items, or a commemorative Circle the Course T-shirt for making a minimum \$10 donation to the

Canadian Cancer Society.

A number of fundraisers will take place during the day, including the popular jockey race. In previous years, jockeys have taken part in a 50-foot, foot race, but this year they'll break from the starting gate

on a large hopper ball and bounce their way across the finish line. All proceeds from the day's fundraisers will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society and COPE.

Live racing takes place every Tuesday and Sunday

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Crystal Beach a small community with thriving businesses

KRIS DUBÉ

Special to the Fort Erie Times

boulevard.

Smith says the businesses' proprietor, Ashlyn Ross, has enjoyed plenty of success since opening her doors at the start of this year's beach season.

"She's doing really, really well," said Smith.

The Little Spa, Night's Chocolates, Tangi'd Salons, Yogojoys and South Coast Cookhouse are just some of the spots in Crystal Beach currently enjoying the growing popularity of their corner of town.

"I think people really want good things to happen down here and will support them," said Smith.

"I get a lot of encouragement from local people and tourists," he added.

As for future plans, Smith said he can't elaborate with specifics - but there are future phases coming soon.

"I have a couple of more

buildings we're putting plans together for," said Smith.

Last weekend, another new business moved into the area - but as a trial run.

The Cigar Republic, which has operated in downtown Niagara Falls for the last two years, has opened a pop-up store on Derby Road.

The tobacco connoisseurs will be open for a total of 10 days (until Sept. 5) and will use that time to decide if they would like to expand their company with another full-time location.

"We've been warmly welcomed by the people of Fort Erie and Crystal Beach," said owner Evan Apostolakis.

"If the reception continues to be good - we'll possibly come here permanently in 2017," he added.

The Cigar Republic's Niagara Falls location is considered to be the largest cigar merchant in the region.



KRIS DUBÉ/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Evan Apostolakis from the Cigar Republic in front of his pop-up store in Crystal Beach, which will be open until Sept. 5.

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NRP chief lays down law on sick days

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Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire has read his officers the riot act over absenteeism, Postmedia Network has learned.

McGuire fired off an internal memo over "steadily increasing use of sick time."

On Aug. 11, the day the memo was written, almost 40 front-line personnel were off sick. He noted that it also happened to be the hottest day of year.

"I am certain that some of the absences are totally justified," McGuire wrote in the memo, which was obtained by Postmedia Network. "However the trend that we are experiencing has to change. I need each and every one of you to look in the mirror and satisfy yourself that you are doing the right thing, every day. If you are not, then make a change."

"If you are in a supervisory role, supervise. Have the conversation with your subordinates."

McGuire in an interview said the memo was meant to be internal and for his employees, not for the public or the media.

"That said I recognize that

there will often be someone who feels they have the right to release my internal communications publicly," he said. "I do not feel it is appropriate to comment publicly on specifics of



Bob Gale

deployment issues. So I won't," McGuire wrote in his memo that for the past six months, the use of sick time is well above the average for the past three years.

According to reports filed to the police board and publicly available, the overtime hours needed to cover shift shortages because of sick time jumped from 16,898 in 2015 from 11,300 in 2014.

The memo needed 12,536 hours of overtime to cover sick time in 2013.

"We are facing critical challenges in our ability to meet and maintain minimum staffing levels on the front line," he wrote. "This is not good for anyone, including you on the front line, members in detective offices and specialized units."

"Given these circumstances, it may soon be necessary to redeploy from specialized units to fill the gaps on the front line."

McGuire wrote the vast



Cliff Priest

majority of officers do everything they can to come to work every day, but he has "little doubt" some are using sick days as paid leave.

"Not from one moment would I begrudge anyone of you for utilizing sick time when you are unable to do so," he said. "It is your responsibility due to sickness," he said. "That said, I need all of you to be aware of the impact on the service, on your fellow officers, on the community, that occurs when healthy, able-bodied people choose to use sick time as leave."

McGuire wrote that those who do come to work every day can become overworked, disillusioned and resentful towards officers who abuse the system.

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Leaked memo cites problems of keeping officers on the front lines

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It also impacts the budget. McGuire told The Standard that while the NRP is unable to recruit its minimum staffing levels — which can be caused by a number of different issues, including the use of sick time — it is obligated to hire members on their day off to fill those vacancies. Those hires are paid at an overtime rate of 1.5 times their regular rate.

In terms of cost, the NRP spent \$5,134,660 on uniform overtime in 2015, a police board report said. The number was up from \$3,848,345 in 2014.

As the chief noted, the final overtime budget figures include factors other than sick time. Major Investigations, vacations, training and court time all have an impact.

Cliff Priest, president of the Niagara Region Police Asso-

ciation, the union that represents the officers, took issue with a number of points in the memo.

"We've not seen anything to justify his assertion," he said. "If we had, we would have expected these officers to be charged (under the Police Services Act)."

"I know the chief is constantly harassed by the police service board about members being off sick because he has to use overtime. I think some of it is politically driven, but a lot of my members were really offended by the memo."

"The ones who were on duty were offended. The ones who were off sick aren't happy about being characterized as malingerers."

Priest said the ongoing contract negotiations between the board and the association had nothing to do with the situation. Niagara's officers have been work-

ing without a contract for eight months.

"There is no protest," Priest said. "It wasn't the 'Blue Flu.' Some of the people he was talking about were off on long-term disability. Some have been off sick for quite a while. It's not like it was a flood of 40 officers on that one day suddenly booked off. It should not have come as a shock."

"No one is allowed to discuss the specific details of deployment; but, I can say, we disagree with his numbers. From our point of view, it is more of a crisis of staffing levels than a crisis of sickness."

The NRP wouldn't comment how many officers are off on long-term disability. In a public report in 2015, the NRP had 17 members on long-term disability with two claims pending approval.

Along with public safety concerns, police board chair

Bob Gale said he is concerned about the budget implications from misuse of sick time.

"Police board members watch the overtime numbers closely. They receive a detailed quarterly breakdown of how and when it is being used. It is often a topic of discussion at police board meetings."

"We have great police officers, and they are well paid, but we can't put up with this," Gale said. "We have to solve it. Nobody can be happy about this — from the officers who show up for duty every day to the taxpayers."

"We know overtime costs are a killer. It's an issue for everybody in government with fire departments and city staff, but having 40 front-line people off sick at the same time, frankly, scares me."

"I understand people get

sick, but 40 in one day? The chief did the right thing by sending that memo."

Priest said the board members are probably more satisfied with the overtime numbers closely. They receive a detailed quarterly breakdown of how and when it is being used. It is often a topic of discussion at police board meetings.

"We haven't hired like other services in Peel, York and Durham," Priest said. "The other services have hired to cover the increasing requirements. Before we had all the specialty units, we didn't run into overtime when people were sick."

"The times have changed. The legislation has changed, and you have to have dedicated units, but they keep taking away from the front line, and you can only do that for so long."

"There is a difference between front-line officers and someone working in an

office. We have a job where deal with violent members of the public. People get injured. People get sick. You have to factor that into your staffing of your budget."

Gale said, in a perfect world, he would like to hire more officers, but that has to be balanced against controlling costs. A first-class constable in Niagara makes about \$92,000 a year.

"We can't have extra officers out there at what they are getting paid," he said. "We operate at tolerable levels. If I had a billion dollars in the budget, I would love to hire a ton more front-line officers."

"The bottom line is how we can allow for 40 people off sick in the budget? These are certain things that are out of our control, but we can't just throw our hands in the air and give up."

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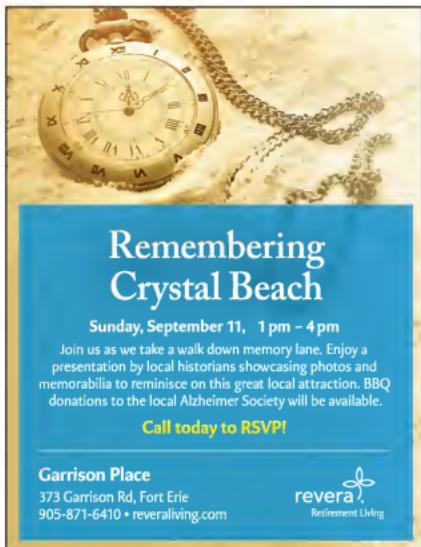
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Todd Clayton named new head coach of Fort Erie Meteors

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Special to the Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Meteors have a reputation for never backing down, says the club's new head coach Todd Clayton.

"It's always been a competitive organization," said the recently-named Junior B coach boss in an interview during this year's training camp.

The former head coach of the Welland Junior Canadiens and the Welland Whalers Senior B team, Clayton said although this year's final roster is expected to not carry too many veteran players, he expects this tradition to continue and that right now is an exciting time to put a team together.

"I enjoy working with the young guys - it's about teaching them and them learning the game at this level," he said.

"And they're going to learn on the job - really quick," he added.

Clayton coached the Junior Canadians in the 2008-09

season.

He also says Fort Erie has been a team that if they do fall behind early in the game - they show the determination to claw back and compete.

"To have success against Fort Erie, you have to be on your game from start to finish," said Clayton.

"They push forward every game. It's always been one of those things I've admired," he said.

Through his experience calling the shots for the Whalers, in a league with older players, many of whom are ex-pros or have competed at high levels of the game, Clayton said it taught him a lot about controlling the on-ice pace.

"I learned a lot at the senior level - how to play with patience and how to slow the game down," he said.

The home squad is hosting the Fort Erie Invitational tournament this weekend - where a handful of exhibition games will allow the Meteors coaching staff and management to finalize its



KRIS DUBE/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Todd Clayton, the new head coach of the Fort Erie Meteors, is looking forward to opening the upcoming season.

roster.

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SOSTOMI, Bart - Passed away peacefully at St. Greener Health Care Center Hospital on Sunday August 26, 2016 at the age of 89. Loving father of Barbara Clark (Ron (Tim) Smith), Lori Brady (Paul), Rob, Cherished grandfather of Shannon, Darren, Lowell, Lindsay, Brady, Lauren, Jessie and Bobby and great-grandfather of 9. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Bart was retired from Horizon CBI after 30 years of service and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Tuesday August 30th from 7-9 pm. A service to celebrate his life will be held at the funeral home Wednesday, August 31st at 11 o'clock. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Erie. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the Autism Ontario.

QUESNEL, Ethel Victoria - Passed away on August 25, 2016. Sadly missed her two sons Jim and Ken Quesnel and their wives. She will be lovingly remembered by her four grandchildren, Kris Quesnel, Rondy Wagner, Paulette Smith, and Trevor Quesnel; eight grandchildren; and her brother Donald Beauchamp. She was predeceased by her sister, Jean Eden and brother, Augustine Beau chemp; and daughter, Janet Pirson. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. A private interment was held at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery.



TOTTON, Rhoda (nee Vance) - Passed away peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie, Ontario on Tuesday, August 22, 2016 at the age of 84. Beloved wife of William John "Jack" for 64 years. Loving Mom of Gail (Michael) Rempel, Dawn (Joe) Garvey and Lynne Totton (Mu Lafair). Cherished Granny of Kelly (Mike) and the late Ian Kallhoff. Dear sister of Margaret (Mike) (the late Teddy), Mervyn Vance (the late Jean), the late Tom Vance (Yvonne) and sister-in-law of Reginald Totton and Anna Hood (Billy). Survived by many nieces and nephews. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie, have been entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday, August 26th, from 5-8 p.m. A service to celebrate Rhoda's life was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 301 Idylwyld St., Fort Erie on Saturday, August 27th at 11 o'clock. Entombment followed in the church cemetery. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society or the Gilmore Lodge Adult Day Program.



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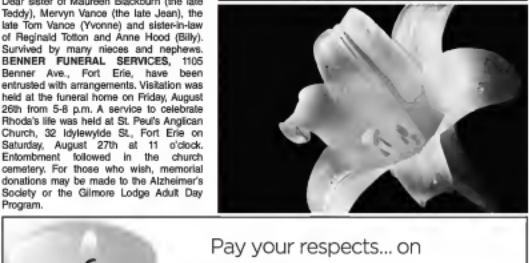
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Former Meteors player joins the bench as an assistant coach

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Brandon Thomas has many on-ice successes to reminisce about from his career with the Fort Erie Meteors, but the friendships he keeps today with his former teammates is what he values the most.

"For all the reasons you play hockey - that's one of the best ones," said Thomas, a forward for the local Junior B team from 2006 to 2010.

He has reunited with the organization for the upcoming 2016-17 season, and was

named an assistant coach in the offseason, something he will also appreciate for the rest of his life, he said in an interview during the team's training camp, which was held last week.

Thomas also says he looks forward to working with the team's long standing management, including general manager Tony Passero, trainer Lee Randall and president Joe Fazio.

"It's great that those guys are still here and I have the opportunity to give back," said Thomas, who in his daily life, is a partner in a dis-

tribution company that deals in sporting goods, corporate apparel and promotional products.

Considering all the relationships he has built through the Meteors and Fort Erie being his hometown - Thomas said it is a "dream come true" to have a role on the bench with the team this season.

"I've been coming to games since I was 10 years old," he said.

The Meteors had an extended postseason run in 2008 and defeated the Welland Junior Canadians in game seven of the first round. It was a moment Tho-

mas says will stay with him forever as a player.

"It's always great to get a playoff push like that," said Thomas.

Before joining taking his new role with the Meteors this year, Thomas spent four seasons in Junior C as an associate coach - one year with the Chippewas Riverhawks and the last three with the Dunnville Mudcats.

But he's excited more than ever for to contribute to the Meteors this season and help them win games.

"I'm very appreciative of this opportunity."



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